

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 10 and 19 being the independent claims. Independent claims 1, 10 and 19 and dependent claims 5, 6, 14, 15, 23 and 24 are sought to be amended. Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested. No new matter is believed to have been introduced by this Amendment.

Applicant has made the above Amendment to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Based on the above Amendment and the following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all outstanding rejections.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1, 2, 5-7, 10, 11, 14-16, 19, 20 and 22-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application No. 20050256590 (hereinafter referred to as "Choi") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,970,539 (hereinafter referred to as "Yamamoto"). Claims 3, 4, 12, 13, 21 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Choi in view of Yamamoto and further in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 20040122930 (hereinafter referred to as "Pasternak"). Claims 8 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Choi in view of Yamamoto and further in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 20040110472 (hereinafter referred to as "Witkowski"). Claims 18 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being

allegedly unpatentable over Choi in view of Yamamoto and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,315,711 (hereinafter referred to as "Barone"). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections since Choi, Yamamoto, Pasternak, Witkowski and Barone, either taken alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest each element of independent claims 1, 10 and 19 (and their dependent claims 2-9, 11-18 and 20-27) for at least the following reason.

Independent claims 1, 10 and 19 were amended to include a similar feature of allowing the user to modify the user interface via the remote control; sending the modified user interface to the media center, wherein the modified user interface replaces the user interface for the user; and receiving a command at the media center from the user via the remote control and the modified user interface to operate the device. Choi, Yamamoto, Pasternak, Witkowski and Barone, either taken alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest this feature. Therefore, for at least this reason, amended independent claims 1, 10 and 19 (and their dependent claims 2-9, 11-18 and 20-27) are patentable over Choi, Yamamoto, Pasternak, Witkowski and Barone, either taken alone or in combination. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn.

INVITATION FOR A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned, Molly A. McCall, at (703) 633-0931 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed accommodated or rendered moot. Applicant believes that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action. Thus, Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance, and as such, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, and allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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